

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES – GENERAL

Case No. LA CV17-04282 JAK (AGRx)

Date October 2, 2017

Title Raul Garfias v. Team Industrial Services, Inc.

Present: The Honorable JOHN A. KRONSTADT, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Andrea Keifer

Alex Joko

Deputy Clerk

Court Reporter / Recorder

Attorneys Present for Plaintiffs:

Sylvia Panosian

Attorneys Present for Defendants:

Mark P. Grajski

Proceedings: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO REMAND REMOVED ACTION TO STATE COURT (DKT. 12); ; SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

The motion hearing is held. The Court states its tentative views that, taking into account Plaintiff's claims for economic, emotional distress, and punitive damages, as well as attorneys' fees, the amount in controversy exceeds the \$75,000 threshold, and that Plaintiff's Motion to Remand the Action to State Court (Dkt. 12) (the "Motion"), should be denied as a result. Counsel address the Court. The Motion is taken UNDER SUBMISSION and a written ruling will be issued.

The scheduling conference is held. The Court confers with counsel regarding the status of the case. The Court has reviewed the parties' September 22, 2017 Joint Report and sets the following deadlines:

TBD:	Last day to participate in a settlement conference/mediation
TBD:	Last day to file notice of settlement / joint report re settlement
TBD:	Post Mediation Status Conference
November 1, 2017:	Last day to file joint report regarding agreed upon private neutral and proposed date for completion of mediation
December 22, 2017:	Last day to amend or add parties
March 19, 2018:	Non-Expert Discovery Cut-Off
April 2, 2018:	Initial Expert Disclosures
April 16, 2018:	Rebuttal Expert Disclosures
April 30, 2018:	Expert Discovery Cut-Off
April 30, 2018:	Last day to file All Motions (<i>including discovery motions</i>)

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The parties will be invited to submit proposed dates for the final pretrial conference and trial, if necessary, upon the Court's final ruling on the motions. The trial estimate will be set at the final pretrial conference.

The Court grants the parties' request to participate in a settlement conference with a private neutral. The Court directs counsel to confer and file a joint report no later than November 1, 2017, which shall include the parties' collective and/or respective views as to (i) the progress of settlement negotiations, if any; (ii) whether an agreement has been reached as to a private neutral to lead a settlement conference, and (iii) the parties' proposed date of completing a settlement conference. The Court will determine whether to set dates with respect to settlement upon review of the joint report.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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